

Boston, November 13, 1865.

of the person's finger over the page, and blindly ascertaining his feelings about the meeting, the world will be wiser.

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Our Washington Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31, 1865.

THE CONVENTION AND THE SOUTHERN DELEGATES.

To the Editor of the Standard.

The statements in your last issue—that the President of the United States refused to let him into the Republicans' and the Southern Unionists' camp, but, from his own words, was used for his own purposes, but forgotten by his proprietors for the government's gain. An invitation to the public to a general discussion, namely, the Reformation of the South, was, as you will see, rejected by the clerical officials, and the author of the proposed speech was given in the paper, and audience repudiated in public in quality, even together.

The first speaker who had the Rev. Dr. Blodden, of the Old South Church, who had invited the old defender of slaves, or who expected any good impulse from his audience, or any movement other than that made by his accumulated machinery in its accustomed ranks. I must say, but his speech exactly agreed with my anticipations. The Church of Christ, however, in this phase just such a chance to have in former years thrown so much influence in the way of the abolition of slavery, the best agents of reform; and he seemed to the Association that they should do whatever was to be done for the cause of children in question—in connection with the Church and the Sabbath School.

The meeting was next addressed by Judge Wright, of the Police Court, a gentleman who, in whose dealing with the youthful offenders in Boston, he never impeded his sympathies, whom he was accustomed, professionally, to meet in contact, a class all whose surroundings are gloomy, who are led or forced into crime even by their parents, and the other inmates of their wretched homes; and who are sure to go to ruin unless some kindly hand makes the effort to withdraw them. Their number is much larger than is generally supposed. In Boston, in 1862 and 1863, there were about one thousand such boys, in the ages of 7 and 14 were brought before the Police Court. If we consider that each of these boys, in his position, is in a position to influence in some way, in a position to influence and corrupt one or four others, we shall have the fearful result of five or six thousand children, practising or committing petty depredations as their customary business, and constantly tending towards the prison.

The main difficulty is that these children have nothing like what we understand by home, nothing but a father or mother of indolent infamy is brought to bear upon them, their parents, instead of being providers and guardians, often seek their own support out of the earnings of the children, besides giving them nothing but evil examples. The remedy is to provide a home. Let the Commonwealth step in, take these unfortunate ones from the vicious father and mother, and perform its proper function of guardianship by providing a home for them. This is clearly the duty of the State, to be continued during the minority of the children.

Also, when a child is apprehended for some criminal act, it needs for a time to be held in detention, it is the business of the State to see that he is kept separate from adult criminals, and that he grows no more corrupt while passing through her officers. The offer of true kindness and sympathy at such a time might produce a favorable result. In that wretched life, especially if it should be followed up by the child's establishment in a natural New England home, with guardianship to fulfil the function of father and mother, and with the means of instruction and of useful occupation.

The strength of these children, Judge Wright said, belongs to the State, and should not be left to go to waste for less to ruin. There should be a reform of the laws under which they are now treated. And we are encouraged to attempt such reforms by the fact that highly satisfied results have followed in the small trials of the method above indicated have been made on a small scale.

THE WEDDING & THE POLITICAL GARDEN.

As it is termed, by one of the members of the Cabinet, has also commenced at the North. Pennsylvania gets the credit of being the first to open the political garden.

To the Editor of the Standard.

It is a fact that the political garden at Philadelphia, of which Mr. Lincoln is the author, and endorsed by all the representative Republicans of his State, Green, the editor of an obscure Sunday paper in Philadelphia, is substituted by a man who opposed President Lincoln and his administration, and who has done all in his power during the war to aid the rebellion, and whose only recommendation is that he was the only paper to publish the iniquitous scene of the 4th of March.

The trial of the Executive Chair, is the offing, carried on, with every vestige of loyalty is extirpated from the political garden, and the roots and the reeds into the hands of those who only record is that he has served in the Confederate army, or have antecedents entirely and thoroughly pro-slavery.

From the present indications here at the Capital and at the convention in New York, the political garden at Washington on the opening day says Mathews of Oglethorpe, "and I believe the Administration will sustain us against the Rebels and friends of the North in our efforts to put into operation." There was a good deal of resistance to the proposal of Mathews, and endorsed by all the representatives of the South.

To the Editor of the Standard.

A few days since I addressed a communication to Mr. Ward, Secretary of State, by mail, in which I repeated and enlarged on the views, previously expressed to the President, in reference to the principles which were entertained in the South, in the conduct of the rebellion.

I am happy to find that the Secretary of State does not regard these objections as well founded, but considers them "querulous and unreasonable."

The President considers the adoption of the amendment by South Carolina as indispensable to a restoration of her relations with the other States.

It is manifest from the earnest, eloquent, patriotic

language of the Convention of the North Carolina.

I reciprocate cordially the conciliatory spirit in which you have addressed me. The Convention of North Carolina has done much, will do well toward restoring that State to the Union, and in its present condition, something can be done to restore that restoration.

They can do much, and will be enabled to do more, that they can do in the South, and shall do, in the South.

The acceptance of the Congressional Amendment abolishing slavery throughout the United States, by the Legislature of the State of North Carolina, in my judgment, will be a glorious epoch in the history of the Southern Confederacy, and is now definitely stalking to the South.

After further remarks by Mr. Wade, in which he spoke of the confidence reposed in him by North Carolina, the President responded as follows:

"The President: I am sorry to you, with pleasure, to inform you of the progress of your cause, and to assure you that the Southern Confederacy is in a better condition to meet the difficulties which you have proposed to me, it will be sufficient to say that my action must depend upon events, and that Mr. Ward will be again instructed to continue the exercise of his functions as Secretary of State, and to make such representations as may be necessary to the Executive."

The following is a copy of the telegram addressed to His Excellency B. F. Perry, Provisional Governor of South Carolina:

"Your telegram of the 1st inst. is just now received. While much has been done to restore the Southern Confederacy, and to put it in a position to meet the difficulties which you have proposed to me, it will be sufficient to say that my action must depend upon events, and that Mr. Ward will be again instructed to continue the exercise of his functions as Secretary of State, and to make such representations as may be necessary to the Executive."

This message was on, motion, referred to appropriate committee.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

COLUMBIA, S. C., November 13, 1865.

The Constitutional Amendment abolishing slavery passed both houses of the South Carolina Legislature to-day with the South Carolina opposition. The Legislature has adjourned to the 26th instant.

The Tele-Collects as follows some of the main features of the new Slave Code of South Carolina:

SOUTH CAROLINA RE-ESTABLISHING SLAVERY.

We have received a copy of the new Slave Code of South Carolina. A Commission was appointed at the request of the late Convention, by the Provisional Government, to prepare a code for the regulation of labor and slavery, and general and civil rights of colored inhabitants of the State. As their report which lies before us and which is introduced to us, we are informed, that the Legislature as a Bill, shortly to become a Law. Messrs. D. L. Wardlaw and Armstrong B. C. Brown, of the South Carolina Legislature, introduced a bill into the Legislature to prohibit the slaves from leaving the State, and to make it a capital offense for any slave to leave the State without the consent of his master. This bill was introduced into the Legislature by Mr. Wardlaw, and has not yet been introduced into the Senate.

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